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March 26, 2003

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RE: EMERGENCY REQUEST OF March 24, 2003
SAND(s): BIG HUM ZONE, RESERVOIR A
FIELD: CROOKED BAYOU FIELD
PARISH: Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
APPLICANT: AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

Dear Mr. Revels:

Because of the reason set forth in your emergency request letter, it has been determined that undue hardship would be caused by the 20-day delay prescribed in Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, effective October 11, 1983. You are therefore permitted to immediately file your application in compliance with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

BY: John R. Aldridge
John R. Aldridge, Director
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March 24, 2003

Mr. John Aldridge
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Re: Rule 8 Waiver Request
Big Hum Zone, Reservoir A
Crooked Bayou Field
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

The applicant, Amerada Hess Corporation, has advised that contractual expirations relating to the acreage shaded in yellow on the attached plat will occur on or about June 13, 2003. Accordingly, request is hereby made for waiver of the pre-application notice in connection with the above referenced matter.

Please be assured that if a waiver of the pre-application notice is granted, we will fully comply with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Thank you for your courtesy and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Enclosure

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Re: Big Hum Zone, Reservoir A
Crooked Bayou Field
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **AMERADA HESS CORPORATION**, for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the establishment of rules and regulations and the creation of a single drilling and production unit for the Big Hum Zone, Reservoir A, in Crooked Bayou Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, such unit to be designated BIG HUM RA SUA:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Big Hum Zone, Reservoir A, in the Crooked Bayou Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, such unit to be designated BIG HUM RA SUA.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Amerada Hess Corporation as operator of the proposed unit.
4. To designate the Amerada Hess Corporation – W. G. Smith et al No. 1 Well as unit well for the proposed unit.
5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Big Hum Zone, Reservoir A, in the Crooked Bayou Field, be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

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6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the sand and reservoir created herein by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Big Hum Zone, Reservoir A, in the Crooked Bayou Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,678 feet and 9,827 feet (electrical log measurements)(9,499 feet and 9,648 feet TVD) in the Amerada Hess Corporation – W. G. Smith et al No. 1 Well, located in Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 15 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

The Commissioner of Conservation has waived the 20-day pre-application notice in connection with this application, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 8, a conference to discuss the applicant's proposal is hereby scheduled for **10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Ste. 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216.**

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Ste. 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216, Telephone No. 504/834-8112.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the applicant's unit proposal and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

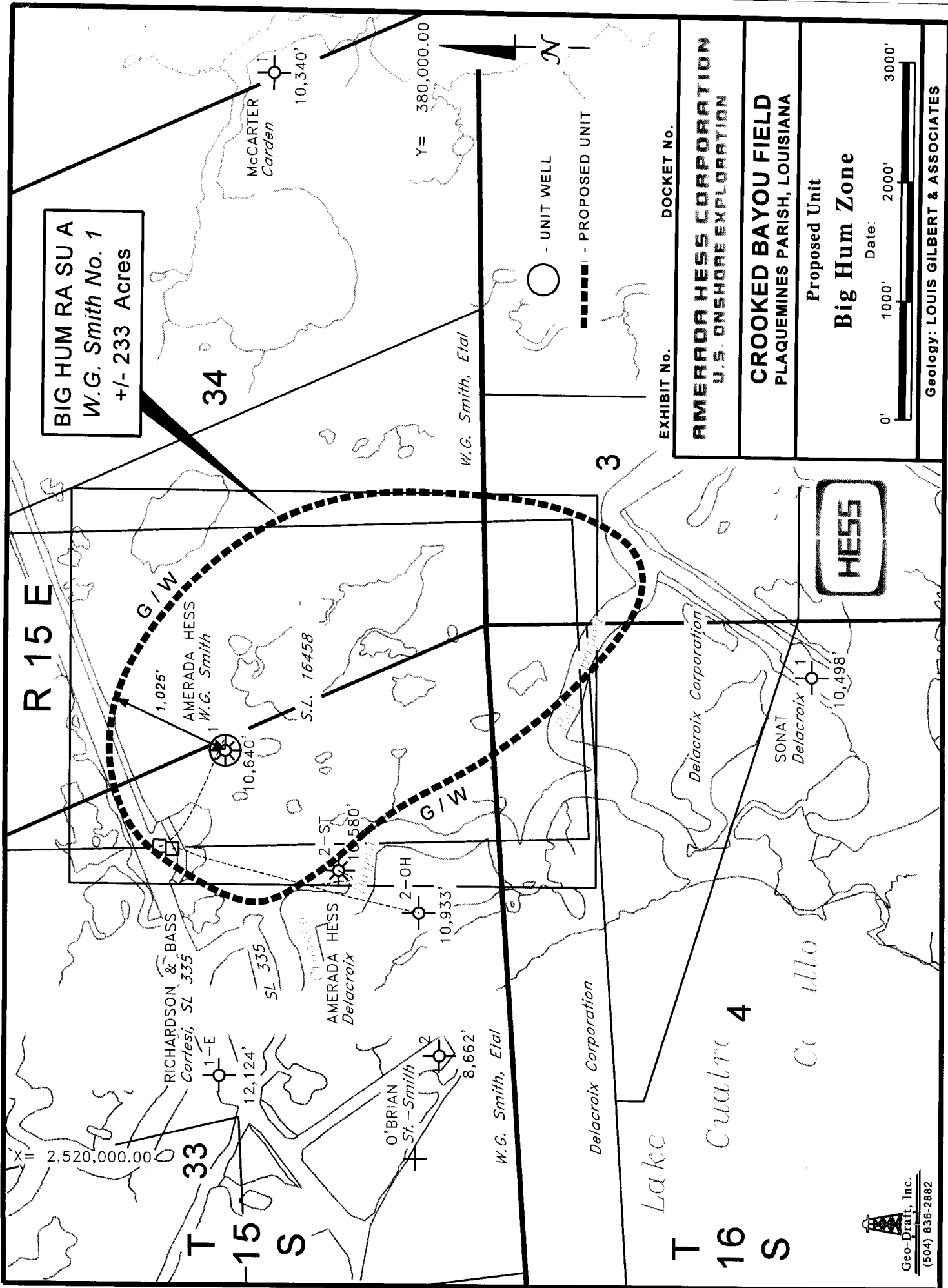


Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

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BIG HUM RA SU A
W.G. Smith No. 1
+/- 233 Acres

EXHIBIT No. DOCKET No.

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION
U.S. ONSHORE EXPLORATION

CROOKED BAYOU FIELD
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

Proposed Unit
Big Hum Zone
 Date: _____
 0' 1000' 2000' 3000'

Geology: LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES